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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 23rd and 27th meetings, on 1 and 19 March 2010. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/64/SR.23 and 27).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2009 and programme of work for 2010 (A/64/34), a note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2009 (A/64/642) and a note by the President of the General Assembly on procedures for the appointment of inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/64/667).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.29

4. At its 27th meeting, on 19 March 2010, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2009 and programme of work for 2010" (A/C.5/64/L.29), which was submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the United Kingdom.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.29 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2009 and programme of work for 2010

The General Assembly,

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Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007, 62/226 of 22 December 2007, 62/246 of 3 April 2008 and 63/272 of 7 April 2009,

Reiterating that the impact of the work of the Unit on the cost-effectiveness of activities within the United Nations system is a shared responsibility of the Member States, the Unit and the secretariats of the participating organizations,

Reaffirming the commitment by the Unit, the legislative organs and the secretariats of the participating organizations to implement a system of follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit, as set out in resolution 54/16,

Reaffirming also the statute of the Unit[1] and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2009 and programme of work for 2010,[2] and the note of the Secretary-General,[3]

1. *Recalls* its resolutions 61/260, 62/246 and 63/272;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2009 and programme of work for 2010;[2]

3. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[3]

4. *Affirms* that oversight is a shared responsibility of Member States, the organizations and the internal and external oversight bodies;

5. *Welcomes* the continued progress in the reform process of the Unit, particularly the results-based management approach, and its improved collaboration with participating organizations and other oversight bodies;

6. *Notes* the ongoing progress of the development of a web-based follow-up system;

[1] Resolution 31/192, annex.
[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/64/34).
[3] A/64/642.

7. *Invites* the Unit to report to the General Assembly on further progress made in the reform process, including the web-based follow-up system, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget 2012-2013 on any related resource implications and funding options;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Unit, in line with its mandate, to continue to focus its work and reports on system-wide issues of interest and relevance to the participating organizations and the States Members of the United Nations and to provide advice on ways to ensure the avoidance of duplication and overlap and more efficient and effective use of resources in implementing the mandates of the Organization;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments and to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;

11. *Reiterates its invitation* to the legislative organs of the participating organizations to fully consider and take concrete action on the relevant recommendations issued by the Unit;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to expedite the implementation of the present resolution, including through the expected provision of support to the Unit by the secretariats of the participating organizations in the preparation of its reports, notes and confidential letters, and the consideration of and action on the recommendations of the Unit in the light of pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report to the Assembly on an annual basis on the results achieved;

13. *Welcomes* the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue sharing experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies, as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, with a view to avoiding overlap or duplication and achieving further synergy, cooperation, effectiveness and efficiency, without prejudice to the respective mandates of oversight bodies;

14. *Stresses* the need for the Unit to continuously update and improve the Unit's medium- and long-term strategy for 2010-2019, taking into account the dynamics and challenges of the environment in which it undertakes its activities;

15. *Notes* that the Unit's 2010 programme of work was adjusted in line with existing resources, and requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the ongoing development of the medium- and long-term strategy approach, to reflect relevant resource requests in the context of future proposed programme budgets;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of its resolution 63/311, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to ensure the appropriate involvement of

the Unit in the ongoing relevant consultations, taking into account its role and mandate;

17. *Notes with concern* that some Member States did not abide by its resolutions on the issuance of visas for the official travel of some inspectors and staff of the Unit, and in this regard requests Member States to extend, without conditions, the requisite facilitation to enable the individual inspectors and the staff of the Unit to undertake their tasks;

18. *Requests* the Unit to keep the General Assembly informed, as necessary, about any difficulty or delay in obtaining visas for the official travel of the inspectors and members of its secretariat;

II

Having considered the note by the President of the General Assembly on the implementation of the procedures for the appointment of inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit,[1]

Recalling section II of its resolution 61/238,

Takes note of the note by the President of the General Assembly on the implementation of the procedures for the appointment of inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit.

[1] A/64/667